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## **Great Lakes National Cemetery**

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- The new 544-acre Great Lakes National Cemetery, located at 4200 Belford Rd, Holly, MI 48442, in northern Oakland County will serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years. Holly is about 45 miles northwest of Detroit.
- An early turn over "fast track" area is being developed as part of the phase one construction. Burials are expected to begin in late 2005 in this "fast track" area while major construction continues through June 2006. Administrative and burial operations will be conducted from a temporary office, committal shelter, and equipment building.
- Edge Construction of Farmington Hills, Mich., was awarded the Phase 1 construction contract in September 2004. In addition to an entrance area, an administration/maintenance complex, a public information center and two committal service shelters, the project will include a total of 6,500 full-casket gravesites, 1,450 in-ground sites for cremation remains and 1,768 columbaria niches for cremation remains.
- VA prepared an Environmental Assessment for the Oakland County site in October 2001. In September 2002, the Department of Veterans Affairs purchased the site from the Fagan Lake Development Corporation. The previous owner, the Horton family, had held the property for over 160 years.
- In 1999 and 2003, with the passage of two laws, Congress directed VA to establish 12 new national cemeteries. One has opened in Oklahoma and one in Pennsylvania. The rest – one in Alabama, two in California, three in Florida, one in Georgia, one in Michigan (the Great Lakes National Cemetery), one in Pennsylvania and one in South Carolina – will be located near large populations of veterans who currently do not have access to a burial option. More information on VA's National Cemetery Administration is available on its website, [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).